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SUBJECT : SIKKIM: PLAY OF EVENTS

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO USUALLY WELL- INFORMED SOURCES HERE IN CALCUTTA, FOLLOWING IS LIKELY OUTCOME OF POLITICAL TURMOIL IN SIKKIM, GOI WILL ORGANIZE ' COMPROMISE' BETWEEN VARIOUS COMPETING GROUPS WITH PRIMARY VIEW TO ITS OWN MILITARY SECURITY REQUIREMENTS VIS A VIS NEIGHBORING CHINA. END RESULT LIKELY TO BE AS FOLLOWS: CHOGYAL BECOMES CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH WITH SOME RESIDUAL VETO/ ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS; STATE COUNCIL OR NEW ASSEMBLY EXPANDED TO REFLECT ETHNIC REALITIES (I. E., NEPALI MAJORITY) OF SIKKIM BUT WITH SEVERAL SEATS RESERVED FOR LEPCHA/ BHUTIA MINORITY;

KAZI LENDHUP DORJE KHANGSARPA (LEADER OF SIKKIM RASTRIYA CONGRESS) BECOMES CHIEF COUNSELOR (OR CHIEF MINISTER); FRESH ELECTIONS (ON ONE- MAN, ONE- VOTE RATHER THAN CURRENT WEIGHTED BASIS) HELD AFTER ' DECENT INTERVAL' (PERHAPS ONE YEAR). IN SHORT RUN, MAJOR PROBLEMS WILL CENTER AROUND CHOGYAL/ KAZI RELATIONSHIP WHICH CURRENTLY VER STRAINED. IN LONG RUN, MAJOR PROBLEMS WILL CENTER ABOUT AGING KAZI LENDHUP' S HOLD OVER HIS YOUTHFUL NEPALI
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PARTY MEMBERS. INDO- SIKKIM TREATY NOT RPT NOT TO BEW- SERVED WEAPONS, NO ARTILLERY OR ARMOR.)

AROUND 20 SAUDI AIR
FORCE LIGHTINGS AT KHAMIS MUSHAYT ALONG WITH CONSIDERABLE
OTHER MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT AS SAUDI ATTENTION FOCUSED
PRIMARILY ON POSSIBLE THREAT FROM PDRY IN WAKE OF
LATTER' S AIR ATTACK ON WUDIA MARCH 22. SAUDI F-5' S NOT
YET ARMED AND READY FOR COMBAT.

4. THUS WE SUSPECT SAUDI REACTION TO UNFOLDING SITUATION
WILL BE ONE OF CONSIDERABLE CAUTION. IN GENERAL THEY HAVE
TENDED FEEL KUWAITIS HAVE HANDLED THEIR RELATIONS WITH
NEIGHBORS POORLY. SAUDIS MIGHT SUGGEST, IF KUWAIT PRESSES FOR
THEIR HELP, RESORT TO ARAB LEAGUE. MOREOVER, SAUDIS WOULD
NOT BE AT ALL COMFORTABLE IN SITUATION WHERE THEY FIND
THEMSELVES WITH JORDAN AND IRAN AS KUWAITIS' PROTECTORS.
SAG MIGHT SUGGEST KUWAITIS SEEK AT LEAST STRONG MORAL
SUPPORT FROM EGYPT OR EVEN LIBYA, SYRIA, SUDAN, ETC., IN
EFFORT ISOLATE IRAQ POLITICALLY AS WAS DONE IN 1961. THIS
IS NOT TO SAY SAUDIS WOULD DO NOTHING IF APPEALED TO
STRONGLY BY KUWAIT.
THACHER UNQUOTE ROGERS

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